

SAMPLE WARRANT ARTICLES TO ESTABLISH A HERITAGE COMMISSION

HB 564-FN (Chapter 64, Laws of 1992) enabled towns & cities to establish Heritage commissions and HB 277-Local (Chapter 32, Laws of 1993) extended the provisions.

HB 398-Local (Chapter 138, Laws of 1995) brought the membership requirements of conservation commissions, historic district commissions, and heritage commissions into conformity, and stated that members of these commissions may serve on other municipal boards and commissions. It also standardized the manner in which heritage and conservation fund expenditures are authorized.

FIRST ARTICLE To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674, or take any other action relating thereto.

[If more detail is needed, use" ...to establish a Heritage Commission and a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674:44-a, 44-b, 44-d, and 44-c if applicable (supp. 1995)."]

SECOND ARTICLE To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint [3 or 5 or 7] citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint not more than 5 additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto.

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This article may be included on the warrant either by direct action of the Selectmen, or as a petitioned article, if submitted as a petition, the petition must be signed by 25 registered voters or 2% of the town's registered voters, whichever is less, but "in no event shall fewer than 10 registered voters be sufficient." This change was made by 1990 and 1991 amendments to RSA 39:3.

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